

**WBTV**  
**Charlotte, NC**  
**Significant Issues and Responsive Programming**  
**January 1 – March 31, 2009**

Following are the categories of issues/concerns determined by WBTV to be of significance in the service area. Under each are described typical and illustrative programs, broadcast during the period, to address those problems and needs. This listing is representative only. It is neither a comprehensive listing of all needs of the service areas as ascertained by the licensee nor the totality of the licensee's responsive programming to those needs.

Applicable CBS/network programming is attached by hard copy. All responsive local programming produced outside the already dedicated newscasts is aired in prime access time periods.

Utilizing information gathered from news personnel, WBTV staff members, local community groups and leaders, and viewer research the following list has been compiled and is the most current significant problems, needs, and interests within our community today. Below is a representative list:

**Public Safety**

**Economy**

**Social/Human Services**

## **WBTV NEWSCASTS:**

### *Monday – Friday*

5:00-5:30 a.m.  
5:30-6:00 a.m.  
6:00-7:00 a.m.  
12 Noon-12:30 p.m.  
5:00-5:30 p.m.  
5:30-6:00 p.m.  
6:00-6:30 p.m.  
7:00-7:30 p.m.  
11:00-11:35 p.m.

### *Saturday*

6:00-8:00 a.m.  
6:00-6:30 p.m.  
11:00-11:35 p.m.

### *Sunday*

6:30-7:00 p.m.  
11:00-11:35 p.m.

A Monday-Sunday 10:00-10:30 p.m. Newscast is also produced for another local station (WJZY).

**WBTV NEWS PRIMETIME** - As in most major markets, many working people in the Charlotte DMA do not have the opportunity to see local news at a time that is convenient for them. For this reason, WBTV 3 On Your Side became the first station in Charlotte to expand Local News to 7:00 p.m. This WBTV Newscast reaches an entirely new segment of the population that has wanted to watch local news, but just did not get home in time for the traditional early newscasts.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

#### *1/7/09 Crime Czar Position (6 p.m. 1:21)*

Michelle Lancaster has been with the county for 11 years. Now she is taking on the job of her life. Her duties include setting goals for police and the district attorney's office and making recommendations how county monies should be spent to fight crime. The job of a crime czar was criticized by many. People thought the job didn't have enough power to make the necessary change to the police department and the district's attorney's office. Lancaster says she can get the job done with the authority she has been given.

*1/30/09 Tainted Peanuts (11 p.m. :19)*

WBTV On Your Side tonight following a couple of important health alerts. First, a stunning admission by the government about the deadly salmonella outbreak. It says a shipment of peanuts from the plant linked to the scare contained metal fragments. And that was in April, months before the first signs of the outbreak.

*2/4/09 Train Safety (7 p.m. 1:56)*

Since the mid-90s, North Carolina has closed 60 railroad crossings between Raleigh and Charlotte. And made drastic improvements to all the public crossings.. installing signal lights and gates. Improving safety by up to 95-percent.

*2/17/09 Gang Threat (11 p.m. 1:47)*

We got our hands on this internal memo from the Department of Homeland Security warning cops in our area that gangs have long posed a threat to public safety and law enforcement, but now that threat is increasing in scope..went on to say this is the first time a gang initiation included Killing a Cop.

*2/19/09 CMPD Budget – Increase Officer Count (6 p.m. 1:21, 11 p.m. 1:38)*

Tracking cops by the numbers...the good old fashioned head count is what's being used to determine how many additional officers are needed to keep our city safe. Last week, Chief Rodney Monroe said that he wants 125 new officers over the next year, and it appears may have enough support from council members to get his wish.

*3/16/09 Fire Safety (10 p.m. 1:30)*

We went in to a kitchen with Charlotte Firefighters. WBTV's Trent Faris on your side with some quick ways to stop flames before they spread.

*3/17/09 Public Safety Jobs (6 p.m. 1:29, 7 p.m. :32)*

More people are signing up to keep our city safe. In this challenging economy...people are finding jobs with public safety agencies like Charlotte Fire and Police departments.

*3/23/09 New Cops – Support Public Safety (5 p.m. :23)*

It's hot issue...in a tough budget year -- but who doesn't want to support public safety? The grant pays for the initial salary of these officers -- but there are all these other costs folded in. For example -- when our station hires a photographer, it's got to pay for a camera, livetruck, cables -- training time, too. Same with police officers -- they require a lot of add-ons.

*3/31/09 Pistachio Scare (11 p.m. :46)*

A California company is recalling more than one million pound of the nuts. But, it could take weeks to figure out where it all was shipped and how many products are affected. Again, to be safe...stay away from pistachios until further notice.

## ECONOMY

*1/7/09 IKEA Countdown (12 p.m. :22)*

A company that says it's been able to stay well-afloat in this economy - is furniture and home goods store IKEA. And the huge Charlotte store in the University area is set to open six weeks from today. It's one of two stores in the US Ikea will open this year - the first in North Carolina.

*1/7/09 Family Dollar Stores (5 p.m. :21)*

Some positive news for the Charlotte-area economy. Family Dollar is seeing its sales skyrocket. The Matthews based discount chain reported a 14-percent rise in its quarterly profit. Instead of blaming the bad economy, Family Dollar is thanking it saying tough times are pushing shoppers to their stores in search of low prices on food and other necessities.

*1/10/09 Economy – Looking back at the week (10 p.m. :24, 11 p.m. :24)*

Charlotte area home sales plunged 47-percent this December compared to last. Then auto sales...way down for the big three...at Chrysler down 30-percent...23 at Gm...and Ford, fairsing better down 21. And the most troubling -- in terms of people numbers, 524-thousand lost jobs last month. Unemployment... The highest it's been in 15 years.

*1/13/09 Bank of America Job Loss (10 p.m. :19, 11 p.m. :21)*

*1/14/09 Bank of America Job Loss (5 a.m. :21, 6 a.m. :21)*

After months of speculation... Bank of America is cutting its workforce again. Our news partner, the Charlotte Business Journal, is reporting 139 workers in Ballantyne will lose their jobs. The workers are in a financial advising unit called Preferred Services. This unit is being replaced in the Merrill Lynch merger.

*2/5/09 Home Market Stimulus (7 p.m. 1:48)*

In front of an audience of Lake Norman area homebuilders nationally-known economist Elliot Eisenberg preached a message of economic deliverance. Fix housing, he believes... and you fix the economy.

*2/10/09 Effect of Stimulus in Charlotte (11 p.m. :23)*

We'll take a look at some of the surprising spots that money will likely be spent in the Queen City.

*2/16/09 Charlotte Economy – Unemployment (11 p.m. :47)*

Some disturbing predictions about how high unemployment will go in the Charlotte region. Right now the national unemployment rate is 7.6 percent. But in the Charlotte region it's 9.5 percent, and experts say it could fall as low as 12 or 13% before things get better. One reason we're being hit so hard is our dependence on the banks. Unfortunately, the layoffs they announced last year

are reportedly just beginning. Another thing hurting us is what once helped us -- our growth.

*2/26/09 CIAA Basketball Tournament in Charlotte (6 p.m. 1:26, 10 p.m., 1:26)*  
Last year 181,000 people attended the tournament and they left more than 30 million dollars behind for businesses to count.

*3/9/09 Road Stimulus Money (11 p.m. 1:10)*  
Democrat Warren Turner reflecting the opinion of a number of folks on the city council tonight...they're wondering why cities like New Bern are getting money to help build outerbelts from the stimulus, while Charlotte will likely get next to nothing.

*3/23/09 Economy on Agenda at City Council Meeting (5 a.m. :31, 6 a.m. :31, Noon :38)*  
The economy is on the agenda for tonight's Charlotte City Council meeting. First...expect a vote on giving the city manager more authority to decide layoffs, severance pay and paid holidays. All this an effort to save money.

## **SOCIAL; HUMAN SERVICES**

*1/2/09 Consumer Alert: DTV Thursday (5 p.m. 1:41)*  
DTV day is our chance to share with you more information about the February 17th conversion from analog to digital television broadcasting.

*1/3/09 DTV Government Program (6 a.m. :33, 7 a.m. :33)*  
The government program that subsidizes TV converter boxes used in the February 17th digital television transition - is running out of money.

*1/6/09 DTV Coupons (5 p.m. :36, 10 p.m. :38, 11 p.m. :36)*  
The government fund for the vouchers is running low on cash. So, if you apply for a coupon now... You may not receive it until after the Big Switch. That's February 17th, when all analog signals will disappear.

*1/14/09 DTV Test (5 p.m. :27, 5:30 p.m. :18, 7 p.m. :23)*  
In a little over a month, your analog television signal will be going away. February 17th is the day, and WBTV is on your side helping you get ready. WBTV will be doing two DTV tests this week, during our noon newscast on Friday and then again between six and seven on Saturday evening. Only people who are not ready for the change-over will be affected. Remember, we do have information on the DTV switch on our webchannel. Just go to [wbtv.com](http://wbtv.com)

*1/15/09 DTV Test (5 a.m. :27, 6 a.m. :27, 12 p.m. :24, 5 p.m. :57)*

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*1/16/09 DTV Test (5 a.m. :26, 6 a.m. :26)*

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*1/19/09 Ready for Obama (5:30 p.m. 1:19)*

On the brink of Barack Obama's inauguration, a study shows Americans are feeling newly optimistic. Thousands across the country were polled, and the majority feel confident their new president will boost jobs. Around here, however, conditions are cooling Obama fever.

*1/28/09 DTV Bill Voted Down (5 a.m. :27, 6 a.m. :28, 6 p.m. :24)*

The U-S House today defeated a bill first approved by the Senate...to postpone the switch from analog to digital by four months. Instead, the countdown now resumes-- only 20 days until the big switch. For information on how you can get your tv's ready...check our webchannel [WBTV.com](http://WBTV.com).

*1/28/09 UNC Tuition Deal (5 p.m. 1:17)*

Tuition and fees in the 16 member UNC system are going up, the only debate is how high they will go. The universities were requesting a 6 and half percent increase, Erskine Bowles is telling them to reduce the increase by 2.8 percent. Today on the UNCC campus we asked students about the issue and about what it takes already to pay the bills to stay in school.

*1/29/09 DTV Latest (5 p.m. :36)*

Analog television signals will go dark on February 17th.

A proposed plan to delay the change until June was defeated by the House of Representatives last night.

*2/4/09 DTV Conversion (5 p.m. :24)*

Breaking News from Capitol Hill... Congress has reversed course and voted to delay the digital television conversion until June 12<sup>th</sup>. The bill will now go to the President to be signed.

*2/5/09 Charlotte DTV Transition (5 p.m. :35, 5:30 p.m. :34, 6 p.m. :29, 7 p.m. :36, 11 p.m. :32)*

The President is expected to sign a bill that will delay the digital deadline until June 12.

*2/6/09 Charlotte DTV Transition (5 a.m. :35, 6 a.m. :34)*

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*2/09/09 DTV Update (5 p.m. :28, 5:30 p.m. :29, 6 p.m. :31, 7 p.m. :28)*

Big Switch date moved to June 12.

*2/10/09 DTV Latest (5 a.m. :36, 6 a.m. :36)*

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*2/17/09 DTV Conversion Confusion (7 p.m. :39)*

WBTB is switching June 12, NOT Feb. 17

*3/6/09 House to Highest Bidder (10 p.m. :56, 11 p.m. :57)*

This is a 1.8-million dollar south Charlotte home for sale...

But the sellers are so frustrated with having such little foot traffic, they say they're going to give it to whomever bids highest this weekend. All week they did intense marketing... people came out... walked through... saw the gorgeous high ceilings and hardwoods, and decided what they thought it was worth. Opening bid had to be 695-thousand... and whomever bids highest by Sunday, can end up buying the home, if the Anderson's think it's good enough.

*3/26/09 Coffee Cup Restaurant Back Open (12 p.m. :38)*

One famous Charlotte business is braving the economy to re-open its doors. The Coffee Cup held a soft opening this morning at its new location on North Davidson Street. The fabled restaurant was one of the first diners to integrate. The original location opened in 19-46 on Clarkson Street. That land was bought by a developer. Then the Coffee Cup moved to the University City but close a year or so after the move.

## **REGULARLY SCHEDULED NEWS SEGMENTS:**

**"Inside CMS" Monday, 5:00-7:00 a.m., 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

WBTB reporter Dedrick Russell takes an in-depth look at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System and reports on a variety of issues or "good news" happening within the schools. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools are the largest school system in the Charlotte DMA; 30% of Charlotte DMA residents reside in Mecklenburg County.

***"What's Going Around"* Wednesday, 5:00-7:00 a.m., 5:00-5:30 p.m.**  
Special segment on illnesses going around in the Charlotte DMA. County by county analysis provided with a listing of cold/flu/virus' going around. This information is obtained from local doctor's offices/medical centers in the Charlotte DMA.

***Neighborhood Safety* Thursday, 5:00-7:00 a.m.**  
Reporter Rob Tufano, a former New York City police officer, focuses on crime issues in specific neighborhoods and how local citizens can protect themselves.

***"Cover Story"* Monday-Friday, 7:00-7:30 p.m.**  
Reporter Jeff Atkinson takes an in-depth look at a current community issue affecting our area.

***"Off the Dish"* Monday-Friday, 7:00-7:30 p.m.**  
Stories from around the country or around the world are profiled on WBTV News Primetime's "Off the Dish". Typically concentrating on stories with amazing "must-see" video.

***"Carolina Watch"* Monday-Friday, 7:00-7:30 p.m.**  
Stories from around the Carolinas are profiled in "Carolina Watch" daily.

***"Your Day in 3"* Monday-Friday, 7:00-7:30 p.m.**  
Summarizes all the day's top stories in "Your Day in 3" during WBTV News Primetime.

***Healthbeat* 5:30-6:00 p.m. (various weeknights)**  
Anchor Tonia Bendickson tackles current health issues targeted at key viewers. Parenting stories and those affecting the children in the community are also a major focus.

***Government* 5:00-6:30 p.m. (various weeknights)**  
WBTV News 3 focuses extensive coverage of major government issues that affect local taxpayers. A recent major issue includes delays in the construction and repairs of major Charlotte area highways.

Reporter Sharon Smith examines how the court system fails to keep repeat offenders behind bars, putting them back on the streets, putting all of our personal safety at risk in her continuing series, Failed Justice.

***3 ON YOUR SIDE* (included in all Newscasts)**  
Focused beats assigned to key anchors with demonstrated viewer benefit. Consumer, Health, Product Recalls, etc. are just some of the stories that have the "On Your Side" viewer benefit. These "On Your Side" stories air in every WBTV newscast daily.



## **WBTV EDITORIALS:**

*"Speak Out" is an expression of opinion from the Editorial Board of WBTV, and is presented by General Manager, Nick Simonette.*

### **Speak Out: Sanford Rejects Stimulus**

Money is tight...People are desperate. And yet... South Carolina's Governor says forget it. He'll refuse a quarter of the eight-point-two billion stimulus package unless Washington lets him use some of it to pay down debt. Governor Mark Sanford says accepting the money as is won't necessarily create new jobs. So now President Barack Obama is involved... And Democratic stimulus supporters are putting television ads on-air that say Sanford is just playing politics. Sanford's response is that it's not politics... and will the Democrats please remove their ads from the airwaves?? Come on people. We thought we were in for a time of change. This doesn't sound like change. This looks like politicians playing parties against each to get their point across. We know the stimulus package has strings attached. But should the Palmetto state turn down an extra 700-million and wait until things get better? No matter what Sanford does - the legislature can overturn his decision. What do you think? Should South Carolina accept the money?

We say write your representative and let them know how you feel about the stimulus. Let them know what you think. After all the politicians...helping to decide your future....work for you.

### **Speak Out: CMS Budget Cut Responses**

In a recent Speak Out, we asked you how you thought Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools could cut the 90 million it needs to cut, without cutting teachers. Here are some of your responses. "One...Gorman and other top officials take a pay cut. Two...Require fewer districts. Three...Suspend building schools you will already be short of qualified decently paid teachers. "School Board...What are you thinking?...Cut yourselves...Teachers are OVERWORKED and UNDERPAID now and you expect them to double up because of YOUR misuse of monies.....BOARD...Cut your pay." "One...Do not allow any overtime. Two...Eliminate expense accounts and let the employees - yes, from the lunch aide to the superintendent, deduct expenses off their tax returns. And three...turn off (not standby or hibernate) computers when business/building/school is closed."

### **Speak Out: Common Sense**

If you are distributing stimulus money - would you give more to small towns with fewer people, or more money to larger cities with a significantly higher population? New Bern, a town of about 29-thousand, was just awarded over 60-million dollars in stimulus funding. While Charlotte, with a population of over 700-thousand in the city alone, was given about 4 million. Let's do a bit of math here...if you live in New Bern, that will mean just over \$2,000.00 of federal stimulus road money per person...if you live in the city of Charlotte...that comes to almost \$6 of federal stimulus road money per person...does that seem as slanted to you as it does to us??? Oh...by the way, New Bern just happens to be

Governor Beverly Perdue's home town. Now...to be fair... this has been labeled as only "the first round" of stimulus distribution, but if this is any indication of what's to come, we will once again, draw a short straw.

#### **Speak Out: Public Responses**

At the end of each SpeakOut, we invite you to email us your thoughts. After our editorial on the smoking ban -- we said we were all for it -- many of you responded. "I sincerely hope that a ban on smoking in all public places in NC passes in the near future! And this should include bars in all restaurants. One man emailed after an editorial on the stimulus package. He was disappointed we didn't say more. "I know that the amount of time you have is limited, but you are doing the public a severe injustice. The stimulus package is a joke! There are dozens and dozens of pages that you must not have read." Another woman Then there was James, who wrote us from Avery County. "It makes me sick to know that my hard earned tax money is going to banks and other financial institutions. I ask that you stay on this topic as much as you can." We plan on it, James. We think the economy is the most important issue in our community. And please keep YOUR comments coming because in the challenging times we live in, we need to speak out like never before.

#### **Speak Out: School Budget Cuts**

Once upon a time being a teacher was a safe profession. But teachers are now being sacrificed... their jobs being put on the chopping block. Recently CMS superintendent Peter Gorman sat down with our WBTV editorial board. He talked about the challenges of slashing up to 90 million dollars from next year's budget. Tough decision, he said, but up to 500 teachers being let go would help balance the numbers. When finding 90-million... clearly... some things have to go. If you don't like the decisions being made, speak out about this budget process. Let your voice be heard. Gorman says one of his main fears is losing qualified teachers because of a bad economy. Bottom line, nothing should stand in the way of keeping talented educators.

#### **Speak Out: Work The System**

Two entrees and an appetizer for 20 bucks. A three course meal at a fancy restaurant for 30 dollars.

Buy one box of cereal and get one free. Better yet...buy a suit, get another one free. You may say those deals sound too good to be true, They're not. They're real. And the list of deals goes on and on and on.

Despite the fact our country is in a recession, Despite Wall Street hitting the lowest point in more than two decades...There is a bright side. These days, the consumer is in the driver's seat. We say you should take advantage of it. Work the system. Stores are so desperate, they'll do what they can to lure you into their shop. And... It's working! Look at how shopping malls are packed on the weekends. Did you see how many people hit the opening of IKEA? The Commerce Department reports consumer spending was up slightly in January. Yes... consumers are biting, if the bottom dollar is low enough. We do want to

remind you to be responsible in your purchases. If you can't afford something right now... don't worry. These low-priced deals are likely to be around a while. We might be going through challenging times... But there is a glimmer of hope. Things are looking up for the consumer...you and me.

#### **Speak Out: White Water Center**

Since opening in 2006, the US National Whitewater Center has failed to turn a profit. It has paid interest but no principal on \$38 million in construction debt. Twice the non-profit has defaulted on its loan payments. Twice it has asked for money from the six local governments who pledged to help cover shortfalls. Mecklenburg County is the largest public partner, having pledged \$7 million over seven years.

While the facility has potential, the bottom line is its drowning in debt... and taxpayers may be left soaking wet. While visionary in concept, the center has been poorly marketed. To continue down this road and think for any reason the center will suddenly become a viable and profitable entity is foolish.

We urge commissioners to set a new course. Someone has to step up, take the pulse of this project and find a way to create an opportunity for public to recoup some of its investment. Simply put, we believe it's in the taxpayer's best interest to get new ideas on how to properly operate and market the park.

#### **Speak Out: Hope Springs Eternal**

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday. We'll have more time to get out and enjoy the Carolinas. Spring ushers in warmer weather, and I can almost hear the crack of the bat at Knights Stadium. It's about time to shed those sweaters - and lose a few winter pounds - by walking around the neighborhood, picnicking at a park, or heading to the golf course. Take in a museum you haven't visited in some time...get a jump start on your spring cleaning...or help out at your kids' schools. Just appreciate time with your family and friends. There's a reason so many people are moving to our area, and why others have never left. Let's take advantage of this great region where we live. We know it's hard to be optimistic with the sound of bad headlines. But we'll survive these difficult days...Together. Keep the faith.

#### **Speak Out: Student Cheating**

High school students from around the country admit to stealing, cheating, lying and then... according to a new survey... are convinced they have good ethics. Is something wrong with that picture? We think so.

In this recent survey of nearly 30 thousand teenagers, 64 percent admitted to cheating on a test, 30 percent said they've stolen from a store, 23 percent confess to stealing from family and 42 percent say they've lied to save money. Surprised by this behavior? Why? Almost every day teenagers see people who are supposed to be role models making headlines for doing the same thing. Folks, let's face it. There are bad people out there and they are going to do bad

things. But you know what. Good does come from bad. Use these examples as life lessons to teach your children about right and wrong. Because as we've seen in this survey, some kids don't know the difference.

#### **Speak Out: Harding High**

Inauguration Day, Tuesday January 20th will be a momentous day in our Nation's history. And Charlotte will be represented in this historic event. The Harding University High School Band of Gold was selected among thirteen hundred applicants to march in the 56th Inaugural Parade. Applications to be a part of this year's inauguration set a record, making Harding's selection an even greater achievement. While this is a tremendous honor for Harding University, nothing is free. Participants in the parade must pay their own travel, lodging, and food costs while in Washington. The cost for Harding is very large and the students and the school have to come up with all of it. If you would like to help them call 980-343-6007. The number is on your screen, and we have it posted on the Speak Out page at WBTV.com. Congratulations and Good Luck to the Harding University High School Band of Gold!

#### **Speak Out: Education Lottery**

Classrooms all over are taking a hit because of this recession...CMS included. Where is all the North Carolina "Education" Lottery money? Remember the strong pitch we heard in 2005? Vote in the lottery and money raised will help our schools. Three-plus years later, we know...the lottery is not such a saving grace. We checked. Only 35% of lottery earnings goes to educational purposes. Out of that 35%...HALF goes to classroom reduction...40% for school construction...and 10% to college scholarships. That means NONE goes to buy books, hire teachers, or add equipment. We say it's time to reallocate these funds. Divide the hundreds of millions among the 100 counties.... And forget the county commissioners, let each school district decide what to do with its own share. If you agree, contact members of the county commission and ask them to rethink the "education" lottery money paying for classroom instruction.

#### **Speak Out: Easley Farewell**

Dear Governor Michael Francis Easley: Thank you for the many things you did while running our state.

In eight years you managed to never rock the boat. Do you find it odd you took so few stances that when our editorial board tries to recount your legacy, we only think of you being a leader during weather emergencies? And why is it we hardly ever recall you darkening Charlotte's doorstep?

I must say, Governor Easley, North Carolina's largest city felt largely ignored. You were decisively elected for your second term... and give credit where it's due... early on you prioritized education, trying to put kids first. But you lost steam. Have you noticed our state's embarrassingly high school drop-out rate? Only 67-percent of kids who enter ninth grade end up graduating. Sarcasm aside, we just didn't see much action, Governor. It was disappointing. I almost

forgot --Our call to action this week is to your successor who made a lot of promises during the campaign. Welcome Governor Beverly Perdue. Just remember... we're watching.

### **Speak Out: Purdue**

In Wednesday's editorial, we welcomed in North Carolina's 73rd governor, Beverly Perdue.

Perdue made lots of promises during her campaign. Here are the top five we're hoping she doesn't break. One -- Said she'll open an office in Charlotte to work in three or four days a month. Please do. We never saw Mike Easley. Two -- Finish I-485. Three -- In her inauguration speech, Perdue promised to "speak candidly and act boldly." Four -- She wants to boost the number of district attorneys, judges, magistrates and clerks. And Five --Perdue says the state's business must "be conducted in the sunshine to inspire confidence, not cynicism." That sounds like hot air. Don't let it be. We are tired of corruption in North Carolina politics. Governor, please, keep it open, honest and transparent. We're asking you to make good on your promises. These five top our list of most important.

### **Speak Out: Hope Stout**

[HOPE STOUT]: "For them to be going through so much, and ask for so little. And then not to get it. It broke my heart. I had to do something." Do something... spoken from a dying 12-year-old girl, who made an incredible wish. She wanted Charlotte to unite and grant the wishes of 155 very sick children the area. Five years ago Hope Stout made that incredible wish. Last night the city celebrated her spirit... and success in rallying us all. We listened to Hope. In six weeks, the Charlotte area raised over a million dollars. Not in corporate donations...But in thousands of small checks -- 30-50-100-dollars -- from families. Why do we remind you of this now? Because when Hope made her wish, 155 sick kids needed wishes granted. The wish list now has 245. It doesn't end. [HOPE STOUT]: "Just have faith. Just believe in yourself. Things can happen. Just have Hope."

### **Speak Out: Black History Month**

WBTB's Editorial Board would like to speak to you for a moment about Black History Month...

...which means half our audience will pay closer attention, and half will tune us out. Right? We sure hope not. We all need to remember Black History Month is not so much a celebration of African Americans who have excelled, as it is about excellent Americans who happen to be black. Many are from our area. No one should ever downplay the extra challenges black Americans have faced... Anyone with even a cursory knowledge of our country's history understands the obstacles surmounted. And it is true, African-Americans SHOULD be proud of those who have contributed so much to our nation. But more to the point... ALL Americans should be.

### **Speak Out: Smoking Ban**

Rock Hill neighbors recently voted to ban smoking in public buildings. Many in the Charlotte area want to do the same. But we can't. A North Carolina statute passed in 1993 PROHIBITS individual municipalities from enacting smoking bans. That was 16 years ago -- we believe it's time for a change. We think the law should let communities decide for themselves whether or not to ban smoking.

A ban, by the way, we would support. A proposed statewide smoking ban was narrowly defeated in 2007 by the North Carolina House. But the winds of change are blowing. House Majority Leader Hugh Holliman of Lexington announced he would re-introduce a no smoking bill this legislative session.

If this issue fires you up, here's your chance to butt in. Call or write your state senators and representatives (to tell them how you feel,) and push them to let counties decide what's right for them.

### **Speak Out: United Way**

Fact: The United Way is hurting. Fact: Former CEO Gloria Pace King got perks. Fact: Her work-related expenses were 74-thousand dollars for 2008. But our main stink isn't about any of those things...

We're concerned about the dragging of feet. We know King spent 24-thousand on travel, 9-thousand on car rentals, 6-thousand on a country club membership and another 4-thousand on two Panthers tickets.

But details aren't itemized. We don't know what meals were, or what hotels were stayed in. Open your books FULLY, United Way. Help is supposed to be what it's all about. The United Way has said it is being open and releasing more than other non-profits. That might be true... but let's be honest. Other non-profits aren't sitting under the same storm cloud. We're not asking other non-profits for itemized expense reports. We're asking you. By keeping the books partly closed, you convey an unwillingness to gain back the trust of this community.

### **Speak Out: Heed the Whistleblower**

The economy is in crisis. Stories of corporate impropriety and greed lead the news almost daily.

People ask, "How could this happen? Why didn't someone try to stop this?"

Thing is, some DID try...

Problem was that no one listened. Take Bernard Madoff's alleged Ponzi scheme -- it was a massive securities fraud which cost investors tens of billions of dollars. Made headlines worldwide. What you didn't hear as much about was that FOR NINE YEARS an independent fraud investigator tried repeatedly to get the SEC to investigate Madoff. But the SEC took no action. We think there's a lesson here. We think business, government and community leaders must listen... and indeed welcome... whistleblowers.

Doesn't mean they're always right. It does mean you should look into what they say. If you suspect something is not on the up and up...let it be known. We must all step up to the plate.

### **Speak Out: Stimulus**

Let's recap. Congress loans the banks 700 billion of *your* dollars and then complains that the banks aren't using that money the way *they* think they should. So what does our government decide to do?

"Stimulate" us by spending another 787 billion dollars this country doesn't have. In this 787 billion, there is funding to save and/or create millions of jobs in the next 2 years, improve education, and lower healthcare costs. But there's also pork. But above the good and bad in the bill - we just can't get over the figure. 787 billion dollars. That we don't have. The government will be borrowing it from other countries, leading to high interest debt...something absurdly ironic when bad loans are part of what got us into this mess. If you're sick of elected leaders spending money we just don't have - Get on the phone. Get into your e-mail. Tell them. Write them. Get in touch with your senators... Your Representatives... Even the President. Be persistent. We know it's a critical time and the economy is tight. All businesses, including this television station, feel it. But we don't think creating insurmountable debt by borrowing and spending TRILLIONS of dollars is the way to go.

### **WBTV SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS:**

#### **UNCF Telethon**

January 24, 2009

WBTV aired the UNCF Telethon "An Evening of Stars" on Saturday, January 24 from 11:35 p.m. – 1:35 a.m.

#### **WBTV Winter Blood Drive**

January 29, 2009

WBTV held a Blood Drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross at the WBTV Studios as well as five additional satellite locations.

#### **Celebration of Hope Event**

January 30, 2009

WBTV sponsored a fund raising event called "Celebration of Hope" on Friday, January 30, 2009. This was a black-tie fund raising dinner benefiting the Hope Stout Foundation and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

#### **NC Bar Association "4ALL" event**

March 6, 2009

Hosted a 15-phone line call-in center in conjunction with the NC Bar Association. Lawyers from the NC Bar Association manned the phones and offered free legal information to Charlotte area viewers. This was a statewide effort, over 1,000 calls were handled at the WBTV Studios.

**PSA Schedules in place 1st Quarter 2009:**

Change a Life Give Blood  
DTV Consumer Education  
Autism Speaks  
Obesity Prevention  
A Child's Place  
Go Red for Women  
College Foundation of NC  
The Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program  
Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
March of Dimes  
High School Drop Out  
Child's Eye View  
Secure Safe Sure  
Slow Motion  
Survivors  
Ready to Retire  
Our Problem  
Wedding Your Future  
Dad Do It for Them  
A Silent Killer  
Steroids  
Diabetes



## **"VIOLENT PROGRAMMING" SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS:**

The Telecommunications Act includes the following provision:

204(d) Summary of Complaints: Each applicant for the renewal of a commercial or non-commercial television license shall attach as an exhibit the application a summary of written comments and suggestions received from the public and maintained by the licensee (in accordance with Commission regulations) that comment on the applicant's programming, if any, and that are characterized by the commentator as constituting violent programming.

Please note for the First Quarter 2009 we have read through the "Letters from the Public" section of our public file, and there were no letters that spoke of "violent programming"

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**FACE THE NATION**

- 01/04/09      Topics include: the Israeli-Hamas conflict; the land invasion of Gaza by Israel / the position of the United States regarding a cease-fire; the legacy of the President George W. Bush's administration; a look back on the Iraq War: current state of Iraq / the reaction of Saddam Hussein to the news of the impending invasion by the United States / critique of the original strategy with regards to troop levels and military intelligence, specifically false information regarding weapons of mass destruction; the Bush administration's program to monitor America's international phone calls without a warrant / reaction to Senator Jay Rockefeller's (D-WV) claim that he expressed concerns over the program with regards to civil liberties / support for the program and belief that the intelligence provided has protected America from another terrorist attack / how different actions need to be taken in wartime as opposed to peacetime in order to support and defend the Constitution; assertion that waterboarding is not torture / support for the methods of interrogation used by the CIA and a recommendation that President-elect Barack Obama continue those methods / justification for Guantanamo Bay to remain open  
Guest: Vice President Dick Cheney (R), Vice President of the United States
- 01/11/09      1) Topics include: scandal involving the appointment of Roland Burris by Governor Rod Blagojevich to fill President-elect Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat and whether or not the Senate will allow him to be seated / questions regarding the legality of the appointment process for Mr. Burris; President-elect Obama's proposed stimulus package / opinion in the Senate regarding Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi's view that President George W. Bush's tax cuts must be repealed / changing the tax codes to favor working families  
2) Topics include: statement by the Illinois Supreme Court regarding Roland Burris' appointment to the Senate as legal / assertion that the Senate should seat him and his desire to avoid creating any type of scene / questions regarding Governor Blagojevich's scandal and whether or not that should affect the public's perception of his appointment to the Senate / the motives behind Governor Blagojevich's selection / plans, if any, to travel to Washington, DC to pursue taking his seat  
3) Topics include: support for not raising taxes during this time of great economic uncertainty / Speaker Pelosi's desire to finalize the stimulus package before February recess / concerns in the House of Representatives and the Senate regarding the proposed stimulus package / the need to allow American families and small business keep more of what they earn / opposition to releasing the remaining emergency funds allotted in the economic rescue package  
Guests: Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL), Majority Whip (1); Roland Burris, Former Illinois Attorney General (2); Representative John Boehner (R-OH), Minority Leader (3)

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- 01/18/09 1) Topics include: President-elect Barack Obama's proposed \$825 billion economic recovery package / desire to see it approved within a month / includes provisions that will go into effect immediately, but is just one phase of his program; disagreement over the Bush tax cuts for upper income Americans - allow them to expire or repeal immediately; the current state of the American economy / belief that the unemployment rate will not reach ten percent; recent decision by Congress to release the remaining \$350 billion in emergency funds to banks and financial institutions / focus of this distribution will not be on the needs of banks, but on the needs of the economy for credit / promise of full transparency and accountability this time around / President-elect Obama's belief that the funds must serve the interest of the country and not of the banks or their executives; problems facing the Big Three automakers and the need to restructure the industry  
2) Topics include: President-elect Obama's inaugural address / Mr. Dyson's piece in The Washington Post suggesting that his roots, oratorically and rhetorically, are in the black church / what the speech must accomplish / need for a call of unity for the American people / how President-elect Obama's background as a community organizer will come into play during his presidency / the significance of this event, not only for African-Americans, but for the nation / how the past struggles of slavery, through the Civil Rights movement have made President-elect Obama and this moment possible / incredible spirit and anticipation regarding this inauguration  
Guests: Lawrence Summers, Director of the National Economic Council, former Treasury Secretary under President Bill Clinton (1); Michael Eric Dyson, Georgetown University (2); John Dickerson, Chief Political Correspondent, Slate Magazine (2)
- 01/25/09 Topics include: Vice President Joe Biden's concept of the vice presidency, as President Barack Obama's confidant versus a deputy president; the worsening state of the American economy / President Obama's proposed economic stimulus package and what it entails / hopes for bipartisan support / the release of the second \$350 billion and the promise of transparency and accountability by the Obama Administration / speculation as to whether or not additional funds will need to be allocated to financial institutions; President Obama's decision to close Guantanamo Bay / concern over the release of enemy combatants back into society and assurance that of those released, only United States citizens or legal residents will be allowed to return to the United States; last week's attack across the Pakistani border against an al Qaeda force by an assumed American drone, which continued the former Bush Administration's practice of granting permission to its forces to fire into Pakistan from Afghanistan / recent trip to Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Iraq; progress made in helping to train their counterinsurgency capability / the role of the Taliban and current conditions in Afghanistan / American public should expect more casualties as plans to further engage the enemy are implemented / need for a political reconciliation in Iraq and for the Iraqis to decide between a federal system or a strong central government; how his new position of vice president impacts his tendency to be outspoken and candid  
Guest: Vice President Joe Biden (D), Vice President of the United States

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60 MINUTES

- 01/04/09      **"Is It Murder?"** - a report on prosecutors who are pursuing harsher penalties, including murder convictions and long prison terms, for drunk drivers whose actions result in fatalities. Discussed is the case of seven-year old Katie Flynn, killed by drunk driver Martin Heidgen. Those interviewed are: Kathleen Rice, district attorney of Nassau County, New York; Jennifer and Neil Flynn, Katie Flynn's parents; Chris and Denise Tangney, Katie Flynn's grandparents; Steven Lamagna, Martin Heidgen's attorney. (C: Bob Simon - P: Catherine Ollan)
- "Mind Reading"** - a report on the advancements in neuroscience with regards to monitoring brain activity linked to certain thoughts, making it now possible, on a very basic scale, to read a person's mind. Also discussed is how this technology can be used to help solve crimes and for marketing purposes. Those interviewed are: neuroscientist Marcel Just and his colleague Tom Mitchell from Carnegie-Mellon University; 60 MINUTES associate producer Meghan Frank, who took part in a brain scan demonstration; neuroscientist John Dylan Haynes from the Bernstein Center in Berlin; Paul Root Wolpe, Director of the Center for Ethics at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia; neuroscientist Gemma Calvert, co-founder of the London company Neurosense (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Shari Finkelstein)
- "The Mad Scientist of Football"** - an interview with Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach, who made up for a lack of money and top talent by creating an innovative offense that's changing the game of college football and beating bigger schools which regularly attract the best talent in the nation. Others interviewed were: writer Michael Lewis, author of "Moneyball," a book about how disadvantaged teams succeed in elite sports; Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell and wide receiver Michael Crabtree (C: Scott Pelley - P: Shawn Efran and Catherine Herrick)
- Andy Rooney Topic: "Andy's Inauguration Trivia"** - Andy's interesting factoids on Presidential inaugurations
- 01/11/09      **"The Price of Oil"** - a report on how the historic swings in oil prices last year were the result of financial speculation from Wall Street investment banks and not supply and demand. The role of Enron in the deregulation of the oil futures market is also discussed. Interviewed are: Dan Gilligan, president of the Petroleum Marketers Association; Sean Cota, member of the Petroleum Marketers Association, who is in the home heating oil business; Michael Masters, hedge fund manager; Michael Greenberger, former director of trading for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (C: Steve Kroft - P: Leslie Cockburn)
- "The Chairman"** - an interview/profile of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen, who talks about how he will be advising President-elect Barack Obama on U.S. troop withdrawal from Iraq and deploying more troops to Afghanistan. Includes footage of Mullen touring battlefields in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. (C: David Martin - P: Mary Walsh)
- "Wyclef"** - an interview/profile of musician Wyclef Jean, who is using his talent and wealth to help the people in his native Haiti. Born into poverty in Haiti, he emigrated to the U.S. and became a multi-millionaire rock star. He is seen visiting Haiti and talking about Yele Haiti, the charity he created to help the people in Haiti. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Harry A. Radcliffe II and Magalie Laguerre Wilkinson)
- Andy Rooney Topic: "Andy's Favorite Holiday"** - Take a guess! It's not Christmas or New Years. It's the one that involves fireworks.

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01/18/09       PREEMPTED

01/25/09       **"The Winter of Our Hardship"** - a report on the impact of the economic crisis on Wilmington, Ohio, whose residents have been hit particularly hard because the town's largest employer, DHL, is shutting its domestic operation. Many of the residents are losing their homes and health insurance. Interviewed are DHL employees who have been laid off or had their hours reduced: Mike O'Machearley, Keith Rider, Morris Deufemia, John and Angela Pica, Bruce McKee, Geri Lynn Thomas, Diana Smith, Dorothy Faulconer. Also interviewed are: David Raizk, Mayor of Wilmington City; Senator Sherrod Brown; Allen Willoughby, worker at the Sugar Tree Ministry's soup kitchen. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Solly Granatstein and Nicole Young)

**"No Peace Deal"** - a report from Israel and the West Bank, where the ongoing conflict in Gaza has prompted a growing number of Israelis and Palestinians to say that a two-state solution is no longer possible and that history has passed it by. Interviewed: Daniella Weiss, Mayor of a large settlement in the West Bank; Doctor Mustafa Barghouti, candidate for Palestinian President; Abdul Nassif, Palestinian resident whose apartment has been occupied by armed Israeli soldiers; Meron Benvenisti, former Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem; Tzipi Livni, Israeli Foreign Minister who is also Israel's chief negotiator with the Palestinians. (C: Bob Simon - P: Robert G. Anderson)

**"Wine Rx"** - a report about resveratrol, a substance in red wine that scientists believe might do more than just protect the heart. They think it could, in very high concentrations, significantly extend life by preventing a number of age-related illnesses. If they are right, we all may soon be taking a pill that could give us an extra decade or two of healthy old age. Interviewed: Dr. Christoph Westphal and biochemist David Sinclair who founded Sirtris, a Cambridge, Massachusetts research company; Dr. Richard Weindruch, who heads up the study of the calorie intake of rhesus monkeys at the National Institutes of Health Study at the University of Wisconsin; Ricki Colman, project leader of the aforementioned study. (C: Morley Safer - P: Deirdre Naphin Curran and Katy Textor)

**Andy Rooney Tople: "Our New President"** - Find out what Andy's take is on President Barack Obama

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**48 HOURS MYSTERY**

- 01/03/09      **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Betrayal"** - an update of a report on the September 3, 2006 disappearance of Nina Reiser, a Russian doctor who had married Hans Reiser, an American computer whiz. The couple had two children, but their marriage began to fall apart and Nina began an affair with Sean Sturgeon, Hans' best friend. Embroiled in a nasty custody fight, Nina dropped off the children at Hans' house on Labor Day weekend and then mysteriously vanished. Her body had never been found. After investigation, Hans was arraigned on murder charges five weeks after Nina's disappearance, and one year later, went on trial for her murder. After three days of deliberation, the jury found him guilty of first degree murder and he was sentenced to 25 years to life. **Update for this rebroadcast:** In the summer of 2008, Hans Reiser offered to lead police to Nina's body in exchange for a reduced verdict and reduced time in prison. The police agreed; Hans led them to her remains, which he had buried just half a mile from his house. As part of the deal, Hans was required to provide a detailed confession of how he murdered Nina, and his voice is heard describing how he strangled her. One month later, the verdict against Hans was lowered to murder in the second degree, and sentenced him to 15 years to life. Graphic updates: Nina Reiser was buried in St. Petersburg, Russia. Her children will remain in Russia with Nina's mother. Hans Reiser will be eligible for parole in 2021. He will be 58 years old. (C: Maureen Maher - P: Paul LaRosa, Gayane Keshishyan, Allen Alter) (OAD: 06/03/08)
- 01/10/09      **48 HOURS SPECIAL PRESENTATION: "Stolen Beauty"** - a report on the October 2005 disappearance of Tara Grinstead, an 11th grade history teacher and beauty pageant queen from Ocilla, Georgia -- and a similar case three months later, in January 2006, involving Jennifer Kesce, a financial analyst from Orlando, Florida, who disappeared after she returned home from a vacation in St. Croix with her boyfriend. This account includes background details, surrounding circumstances, and the consideration of a possible link between the two cases, as well as information regarding the ongoing investigation by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Orlando Police Department. Among those interviewed are: Connie Grinstead, Tara's stepmother; Gary Rothwell, special agent with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation; Rob Allen, Jennifer's boyfriend; several members of Jennifer's family; Sergeant Roger Brennan and Detective Joel Wright of the Orlando Police Department. (C: Peter Van Sant - P: Katherine Davis). (OAD: 07/01/08 as 48 HOURS VANISHED: "Stolen Beauty")
- 01/17/09      **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Peace, Love And Murder"** - A report on the murder of housewife Toni Heartsong, killed in her Jupiter, Florida home on September 26, 2000. That day, police received a phone call from her husband Bob Heartsong saying that he had come home from work to discover her dead body, brutally bludgeoned and stabbed. For various reasons, Bob was initially eliminated as a possible suspect, but in 2006, new DNA technology revealed the presence of his blood under Toni's thumbnail and his DNA on her hand. He was arrested, and in 2008 he was tried for her murder. The blood evidence presented by the prosecution was deemed inconclusive, and the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty. Among those interviewed are: Barry Soren, Toni's brother; her cousins Mel and Sandra Sorkowitz; Deb Schepp, Elissa LeJeune; Toni's sons Eli and Jake Heartsong; Florida State investigator Tim Valentine; Steve Kochakian, a former employee of Bob Heartsong; Suzye Goldstein, Bob Heartsong's new wife; Palm Beach County police John Van Houten, Bill Springer; prosecutor Barbara Burns; defense attorney Barry Maxwell; jury foreman Tony Alberto. (C: Harold Dow - P: Alec Sirken, Lourdes Aguilar)

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**48 HOURS MYSTERY (continued)**

01/24/09      **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Lady In The Harbor"** - A report on the September 2006 murder of aspiring actress Barbara Mullenix, whose body was discovered in the water at the Newport Harbor Yacht Club in California. She had been stabbed fifty-two times. An initial suspect was her ex-husband, Bruce Mullenix. Despite their divorce, Bruce had agreed to let Barbara and their 17-year-old daughter Rachael move into his small Huntington Beach apartment, a situation that worsened when Barbara would drink and become verbally abusive. But Bruce was soon ruled out as a suspect because he had been out of town on a business trip. Investigators' attention then turned to Rachael and her 21-year-old boyfriend, Ian Allen, who were nowhere to be found after the murder. When they were finally apprehended and questioned, Ian admitted to killing Barbara, and Rachael was also accused of the murder. Both Ian And Rachael were tried separately. Each was found guilty of first degree murder, and each was sentenced to 25 years to life. Includes interviews with Bruce Mullenix; Rachael Mullenix; Newport police investigators Steve Mack and Joe Cartwright; Kelsey Douglas, friend of Rachael Mullenix; Sonia Balleste, Orange County prosecutor; David Cohn, Rachel's attorney; Sean Enloe, pathologist; Dr. Al Ravitz, child psychiatrist. (C: Erin Moriarty - P: Ira Sutow, Allen Alter)

01/31/09      **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Conspiracy To Kill"** - A report on the suspiciously similar circumstances surrounding the deaths, 19 years apart, of the two husbands of Sonia Rios, who herself was later murdered. Rios, a native of the Philippines, first married Earl Bourdeau, a U.S. Marine whom she met in the Philippines. They settled in Lomita, California. After a stormy 21-year marriage, Earl wanted a divorce. But before Sonia would grant him one, she demanded that he go to the Philippines by himself to sell a family taxi business. Earl went, and, in August 1987, while sleeping on the couch in the home of Sonia's relatives, he was shot in the head at point-blank range. In 1990, Sonia then married Navy Commander Larry Risken. By 2006, their marriage had deteriorated, and Larry wanted a divorce. Sonia consented, but only if Larry went alone on a long-planned trip to the Philippines to visit two of Sonia's young relatives of whom he was very fond. He made the trip, and in April 2006 Larry was killed in the parking lot of a hospital there. One year later, in April 2007, Sonia herself was shot to death in her Lomita, California home. Both Earl and Larry's families are convinced that Sonia had both of her husbands murdered for their insurance money. But the murders of both men -- and the murder of Sonia Rios -- remain unsolved. Includes interviews with Sherry Jackson, sister of Larry Risken; Dennis Bourdeau, brother of Earl Bourdeau; Larry Altman, crime reporter; Henry Hoskins, friend of Sonia Rios; Bong Otcza, private investigator; Mike Rodriguez, L.A. County Sheriff's detective; Dr. Rachel Fortun, forensic pathologist. (C: Peter Van Sant - P: Joe Halderman, Sara Rodriguez)

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**CBS NEWS SPECIAL**

01/20/09

**CBS NEWS SPECIAL: "Change And Challenge: The Inauguration Of Barack Obama"** - a broadcast that includes (1) a review and taped excerpts of the events surrounding today's inauguration of Barack Obama as President of the United States; (2) an interview by Katie Couric with then-President-Elect Obama on a wide range of topics, recorded last week for this broadcast; (3) interviews with several Americans (Avery Jordan, a ten-year-old from Oklahoma; Maura Sullivan, a former Marine Corps Captain; and Edith Childs, a councilwoman from Greenwood, South Carolina) about their own feelings about the impact of Obama's election; (4) interviews with relatives of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers, including his widow Myrlie and his great-nieces Courtny and Corrie Cockrell; (5) an interview with Marty Nesbit, a close friend of President Obama; (6) the contrast between today's events and the racial attitudes in America's past, including comments by Theodore Landsmark, victim of an attack by anti-busing protesters in Boston in 1976, and Elizabeth Eckford who, as a 15-year-old in 1957, was part of the attempt to integrate Little Rock Central High School. Correspondents: Katie Couric (anchor, National Building Museum, Washington, D.C.); Chip Reid; Byron Pitts (3); Harold Dow (4); Erin Moriarty (5); Richard Schlesinger (6). Executive Producer: Susan Zirinsky

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- 02/01/09      1) Topics include: revelation regarding former Senator Tom Daschle's (D-SD) unpaid taxes and its possible affect on his confirmation as Secretary of Health and Human Services; the economic stimulus package / its chances of passing in the Senate / recommended changes to the bill, focusing on the housing crisis and tax relief; nomination of Senator Judi Gregg (R-NH) as Secretary of Commerce / impact on balance of power in the Senate
- 2) Topics include: opinion regarding the status of former Senator Tom Daschle's nomination due to the divulgence of his unpaid taxes / reaction to Senator McConnell's concerns regarding the economic stimulus package / support and breakdown of the stimulus bill, focusing on the housing problem and an increase for infrastructure spending / view concerning republican support of the bill / the question of tax cuts
- 3) Topics include: changes needed in order for the stimulus bill to pass the Senate / need to focus on addressing the housing problem and tax cuts for the lower and middle class; prospects for Tom Daschle's confirmation
- Guests: Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Senate Minority Leader (1); Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY), Vice Chairman, Democratic Conference (2); David Brooks, Columnist, The New York Times (3)
- 02/08/09      1) Topics include: reasons behind his opposition to President Barack Obama's economic recovery plan / the need for a stimulus package, but not this one and one that is more bipartisan / criticism regarding the exclusion of Republicans from the at-the-beginning discussions and negotiations regarding this package
- 2) Topics include: importance of the economic recovery package to the United States / opinion regarding Republican opposition to this plan / current state of the American economy and how failing to boost the economy will deepen the crisis / need to address the housing crisis / optimism regarding the conference committee's ability to negotiate the differences between the House of Representatives and Senate
- 3) Topics include: the importance of the stimulus package and President Obama's commitment to seeing it through / speculation regarding Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner's upcoming announcement on how to use the remaining TARP money more effectively / proposed aid to homeowners facing foreclosure on their homes / President Obama's commitment to transparency and full accounting / support from economists regarding President Obama's plans for the economy / the catastrophic effects should the economic recovery plan fail to pass
- Guests: Senator John McCain (R-AZ) (1); Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND) (2); Christina Romer, Chair, Council of Economic Advisors (3)

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- 02/15/09      1) Topics include: passing of President Barack Obama's economic stimulus package by both the House and Senate / when and how America will begin to see the effects of this legislation / hope that this stimulus plan will curb the rising unemployment rate / President Obama's commitment to continue to reach out to Republicans / provision in the stimulus package putting a cap on wages and bonuses for the executives of big financial institutions receiving financial bailouts / President Obama's desire to strike the right balance concerning the regulation of salaries and bonuses; Senator Judd Gregg's (R-NH) decision not to accept the nomination for Secretary of Commerce  
2) Topics include: support for the provision limiting executive compensation; reaction to the criticism of Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner's presentation on how to use the remaining TARP money as being too broad / implications of allowing insolvent banks to fail / belief that the \$50 billion mentioned by Treasury Secretary Geithner for foreclosure relief will be insufficient  
Guests: Robert Gibbs, White House Press Secretary (1); Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL), Ranking Member, Senate Banking Committee (2); Representative Barney Frank (D-MA), Chairman, House Financial Services Committee (2)
- 02/22/09      1) Topics include: support for President Barack Obama's recently announced housing bailout plan / explanation of the three phases of the plan: money to help keep mortgage rates low, refinancing opportunities for homeowners current on their mortgages but at risk due to declining housing values in their neighborhoods, and a modification plan for those homeowners at risk of foreclosure / estimation as to how many foreclosures can be forestalled with this plan  
2) Topics include: current economic conditions and crises being faced in New Jersey, Indiana, and Ohio / support for accepting the stimulus cash as outlined in President Obama's economic recovery plan and how each state will use those resources / reaction to the decision made by a few Republican governors not to accept any of the stimulus cash  
Guests: Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (1); Governor John Corzine (D-NJ) (2); Governor Mitch Daniels (R-IN) (2); Governor Ted Strickland (D-OH) (2)

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- 02/01/09      **PREEMPTED** for the CBS News special CBS REPORTS: "The Road to the White House"
- 02/08/09      **"Saving Flight 1549"** - a three-part report on the incredible water landing in the Hudson River on January 15, 2009 of a U.S. Air flight which saved the lives of all 155 people aboard. Part I is an interview with Hero pilot Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger. Part II is an interview with Captain Sullenberger and his crew, and with his wife. Part III consists of coverage of a reunion between the passengers and the crew, as well as additional remarks from Captain Sullenberger and his family. Part I: (C: Katie Couric - P: Tanya Simon, Michael Radutzky, Lori Beecher) Part II: (C: Katie Couric - P: Michael Radutzky, Lori Beecher, Jenny Dubin) Part III: (C: Katie Couric - P: Tanya Simon, Lori Beecher, Andrew Metz) **DOUBLE-LENGTH SEGMENT**  
**"Coldplay"** - a profile of the British rock group, Coldplay, who provide a rare look inside their world, which includes a candid interview with frontman and singer Chris Martin. Also interviewed: guitarist Jonny Buckland, bass player Guy Berryman and drummer Will Champion. (C: Steve Kroft - P: John Hamlin)
- 02/15/09      **"Buy American"** - a report on the "buy American" clause included in the economic stimulus package passed by Congress this week. Fought hard for by the steel industry, it mandates that any infrastructure project paid for with stimulus dollars must use steel made in the USA and not cheaper imports. American businesses that export overseas now worry foreign governments will retaliate and keep U.S. products out of their market, thus hurting their business. Interviewed: Dan Dinnicco, CEO of Nucor, the United States' biggest steel maker; Doug Jefferson, Nucor plant manager; cold saw operator Jeremy Davis; and Jim Owens, CEO of Caterpillar. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Shachar Bar-On)  
**"World of Trouble"** - Paul Bishop was a mortgage salesman at the San Francisco branch of World Savings of California, the United States' second largest savings and loan. In an interview, he recounts how - three years before the housing market crash - he warned his superiors that many of the mortgages they were granting were misleading and predatory. This practice contributed to the eventual self-destruction of the mortgage industry, setting off an economic collapse that ruined the finances of millions of Americans. Also interviewed: Betty Townes, financially ruined after being sold a series of World Savings mortgages she couldn't afford; Macve-Elyse Brown, lawyer for a non-profit group working to save homeowners from foreclosure; and Bob Simpson, whose company, IMARC, investigates failed mortgages. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Graham Messick)  
**"War In Pakistan"** - a report on the conflicts in Pakistan, featuring an interview with President Asif Ali Zardari. The Muslim nation, whose support is critical to the U.S. mission in Afghanistan, is not only broke and embroiled in another crisis with its arch enemy India, it's also now at war with Muslim extremists trying to destroy the government. This growing insurgency, run by the Taliban and al Qaeda, is threatening the stability of a key U.S. ally that is believed to have as many as a hundred nuclear weapons. Also interviewed: General Tariq Khan, commander of Pakistan's forces in the tribal territories; Bruce Riedel, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institute, who has spent thirty years as a CIA analyst and has advised President Barack Obama on the situation in Pakistan; and Khalid Khawaja, former Pakistani intelligence officer and friend of Osama bin Laden. (C: Steve Kroft - P: Draggan Mihailovich)  
**Andy Rooney Topic: "Andy Is Stumped By The Headlines"** - Andy tries to decipher financial headlines

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**60 MINUTES (continued)**

02/22/09      **"The Drinking Age"** - an examination of the debate over lowering the legal drinking age from 21 to 18, a controversial idea embraced by some and roundly criticized by groups such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Includes interviews with: John McCardell, former president of Middlebury College in Vermont, who started the movement dedicated to lowering the drinking age back to 18; Mark Beckner, Chief of Police, Boulder, Colorado; Leslie and Michael Lanahan, mother and stepfather of University of Colorado freshman Gordie Bailey, who died of alcohol poisoning when he underwent a Chi Psi fraternity initiation; and Chuck Hurley, Executive Director of MADD. (C: Leslie Stahl - P: Ruth Stretcher)

**"Kidnapped in Basra"** - a report on the war in Iraq, featuring an interview with CBS News producer/cameraman Richard Butler, who was kidnapped in Basra in 2008. At that time, the southern city was in total chaos, at the mercy of warring Shiite factions -- many of whom were taking their orders from Iran and Hezbollah. In one of the first major Iraqi-led military missions since the United States invasion, Iraqi troops, along with their U.S. counterparts, invaded the city, took control, and rescued Butler, leading to an understanding that the new Iraqi government could successfully combat the militias. Also includes an interview with Colonel Peter Mansoor, former executive officer to America's top commander in Iraq. (C: Lara Logan - P: Peter Klein)

**"The Mascot"** - an interview/profile of Alex Kurzen, who at the age of six watched his family being shot by the Nazis. Born Elia Solomonovich Kalperin in Koidanov, Belorussia, he decided to flee into the forest the morning his Jewish family was to be exterminated and survived there for months, before being captured by Nazi soldiers, who not knowing he was Jewish, made him the youngest corporal in the Nazi army. After the war, he migrated to Australia, married and had his own family, but did not reveal his true identity -- a secret he kept for more than fifty years. Though unable to remember his true identity, with help from his son, he was able to rediscover his past, the fate of his family, and meet a half-brother he didn't even know existed. (C: Bob Simon - P: Robert G. Anderson)

**Andy Rooney Topic: "Presidents: Best To Worst"** - Andy takes a look at a new list of the best and worst presidents

**48 HOURS MYSTERY**

02/07/09      **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "An Invisible Enemy"** - a follow-up to "An Invisible Enemy" (OAD: 12/08/07). In January 2007, Cynthia Sommer was convicted of murdering her Marine Sgt. husband Todd in February 2002 with a lethal dose of arsenic. But ten months after her conviction, she was granted a new trial because of questions about the validity of the lab tests that found arsenic in some of Todd Sommer's tissue samples but not in others. His tissue samples were now sent to another lab to be tested for arsenic -- and none was found. Because of this, the prosecution concluded that there was a reasonable doubt; murder charges against Cynthia Sommer were dropped, and the case was dismissed. However, Todd Sommer's death is still officially listed as a homicide, and the court left open the possibility that Cynthia Sommer could be charged again. Interviewed are: Cynthia Sommer; Jan Lippert, Cynthia's mother; Allen Bloom, Cynthia Sommer's new defense attorney; Mark Ridley, Naval Criminal Investigative Service special agent; Rob Terwilliger, a second NCIS special agent; Bonnie Dumanis, San Diego District Attorney; Dr. Lee Cantrell, toxicologist; Dr. Glenn Wagner, medical examiner; Eva Stoner, military police officer; Al Poklis, arsenic expert. (C: Richard Schlesinger - P: Marcelena Spencer, Gayane Keshishyan)

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**48 HOURS MYSTERY (continued)**

- 02/14/09      **48 HOURS: LIVE TO TELL: "The Year We Disappeared"** - On August 31, 1979, John Busby, a Falmouth, Massachusetts police officer, was ambushed in his car by a gunman in a passing car who shot him point blank in the face with a shotgun. Although brutally wounded, Busby was able to write a note for police at the scene that said "Not an accident. Mel Reine." Melvin Reine, a convicted arsonist and suspected murderer of three people, was a local thug whose brother, John Reine, had been arrested by John Busby. For undetermined reasons, Melvin Reine had long intimidated the Falmouth police, and the attempted murder of John Busby was not aggressively investigated. Fearing for their safety, the Busby family moved to an undisclosed location in Tennessee. Twenty-four years after the shooting, in 2003, John Reine confessed to the police that his brother Melvin had indeed shot John Busby while he, Melvin, drove the car. However, because of the statute of limitations, the Reines will remain unpunished. Melvin is now institutionalized, in a state of dementia. John Busby and his daughter Cylin have written a memoir together, entitled "The Year We Disappeared". Includes narration by John Busby; Cylin Busby, his daughter; Kellie Collier-Driscoll, his niece; Polly Busby, his wife; Rick Smith, Falmouth police officer. (Producers: Chuck Stevenson, Liza Finley, Katherine Davis, Chris Young)
- 02/21/09      **48 HOURS: LIVE TO TELL: "River's Edge"** - On January 8, 2000, college students Danielle Keener and Dan Zapp were on a date, walking along a river's edge outside York, Pennsylvania, when they were kidnapped at gunpoint by a man in a pick-up truck. The gunman put Dan in the back of the truck with his Rottweiler dog; he put Danielle in the passenger seat, where he then raped her. Afterwards, he then put them both out of the truck, and ordered them to walk down towards the river. From behind, he then shot them both in the face. Feigning death, they floated down the river, out of the gunman's view. They were soon picked up by a hunter, Pete Prowell, who was able to contact the police and get them to a hospital. Dan -- on a respirator and unable to speak -- wrote on a notepad what he remembered of the gunman and gave the police the clues they needed to find him. Police then tracked down and arrested William Babner for the crime. Six months after the shooting, Babner went on trial; he was convicted and sentenced to one-hundred and seventeen and a half to two-hundred and thirty five years in prison. Includes narration by Danielle Keener; Dan Zapp; Pete Prowell, the couple's rescuer; Brent Keener, Danielle's father; Elizabeth Martin, Danielle's college roommate; Dr. John Hankle, attending physician, York Hospital; Detective Doug Demangone, York police; Police Chief Darryl Albright; Police Captain Roland Camacho; Ed Paskey, York County Prosecutor. (Producers: Katherine Davis, Michael McHugh, Alan Miller, Kevin Hayes)

48 HOURS MYSTERY (continued)

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48 HOURS MYSTERY: "The Secret Life Of Paige Birgfeld" (9:00-10:00p) - A report on the June 28, 2007 disappearance of Paige Birgfeld, twice-divorced mother of three and a resident of Grand Junction, Colorado and the subsequent double-life uncovered by investigators following her disappearance. Following her 2006 divorce, Paige became the primary caregiver to her children and was described as such a devoted mother that the Mesa County Sheriff's Department was convinced she would never have left on her own accord. As friends and family searched for her, her car was found abandoned and on fire in an empty lot. Her first husband, Ron Birgler became the focus of the investigation, when it was learned that the two had been on a date the day of her disappearance, but Paige's friends and family were far more suspicious of the children's father, Rob Dixon, as she had a troubled history with him. After a thorough inquiry, both men had solid alibis. As the investigation continued, it was discovered that Paige was also known as Carrie, a high-priced escort. Her family suspected she had money issues. Investigators then began to believe Paige was murdered by one of her clients. Using her cell phone records, police began carefully looking at all of her clients and eventually honed in on one man, Lester Ralph Jones, an ex-con who had served time for kidnapping and assault. Authorities searched his home, but will not discuss what evidence they uncovered. Search dogs led investigators from Paige's car to an RV shop where Jones worked as a mechanic. Although authorities have zeroed in on Lester Ralph Jones, no charges have been filed and he denies any involvement. The lack of a body, coupled with Paige's secret life, have made it that much harder to prove anything beyond a reasonable doubt. Her friends and family continue their search. (C: Harold Dow - P: Loen Kelley, Sara Lily Hulse, Ira Surow) (OAP: 06/10/08 as 48 HOURS VANISHING: "The Secret Life Of Paige Birgfeld"; includes brief updated text graphic at the conclusion.)

02/28/09

48 HOURS: LIVE TO TELL: "Black Wave" (10:00-11:00p) - In June 2005, John and Jean Silverwood of San Diego, California, along with their four children, were sailing around the world in their 55-foot catamaran when they struck a hidden reef. A massive wave then forced the 2,500 pound mast to fall on John Silverwood, pinning him to the deck and cutting right through his leg. Through the resourcefulness of his son, Ben, and his wife, Jean, John's blood loss was stopped, and the family was moved to a coral ledge about a hundred feet away from the boat. The signal from their emergency beacon, held by son Jack, enabled the Coast Guard Station in Alameda, California, to pinpoint their location - approximately 350 nautical miles west of Tahiti Papete. They were finally rescued and John was transported to the hospital in Tahiti. Although his leg had to be amputated, John's life was saved. Includes individual narrations by Jean and John Silverwood and their children: Ben, Amelia, Canille and Jack; Lorie Dell Gatt of Coast Guard Search and Rescue. (Producers: Chuck Stevenson, Chris Young, Gregory R. McLaughlin, Doreen Schechter, Joan Adelman)

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**CBS NEWS SPECIALS**

- 02/01/09      **CBS REPORTS: "The Road to the White House"** - a retrospective chronological review of Barack Obama's road to the presidency, incorporating never-before-seen footage along with video excerpts of previously aired 60 MINUTES segments, and unified with an original audio narrative by correspondent Steve Kroft, who was also the correspondent for all excerpted segments. Included are: (1) **"The Road to the White House" (First Steps)** - a look back at why 60 MINUTES chose to profile Barack Obama, a then-rising political phenomenon, who planned to announce his candidacy for the presidency on 02/10/07 (P: L. Franklin Devine, Michael Radutzky, Tom Anderson). (2) **"The Road to the White House" (The Primaries)** - after an enthusiastic beginning, Obama's campaign hit a wall, and on the eve of the primaries, he trailed Hillary Clinton by nearly 20 points. He learned to be a great candidate, and in Iowa, his organization outmaneuvered the Clinton campaign and achieved victory, shattering Senator Clinton's aura of inevitability. (P: L. Franklin Devine, Jennifer MacDonald). (3) **"The Road to the White House" (Victory)** - Obama went to the Democratic convention assured of the nomination and made history as the first African-American presidential nominee of a major political party. In the campaign, he was locked in a dead-heat with Republican rival John McCain, and eventually achieved an historic victory on election night, appearing that night to a cheering crowd in Chicago's Grant Park (no producers listed). (4) **"The Road to the White House" (Looking Ahead)** - after Obama's victory, he remained out of sight, getting briefings and conferring with his transition team. His first post-election interview was conducted by Steve Kroft, 12 days after the election, and included his wife, Michelle Obama. (P: L. Franklin Devine, Michael Radutzky). Excerpts were taken from the following previously aired segments: "Barack Obama" (OAD: 02/11/07); "Obama '08" (OAD: 02/10/08); "Ohio" (OAD: 03/02/08); "Obama-Biden '08" (OAD: 08/31/08); "The Candidates - Obama '08" (OAD: 09/21/08); "The Inner Circle" (OAD: 11/09/08); "The Next First Family" (OAD: 11/16/08). (OAD: 12/28/08 on 60 MINUTES)
- 02/24/09      **CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: "A Presidential Address To Congress"** - live coverage of President Barack Obama's first address to a joint session of Congress since he took office. Includes: (1) President Obama's address; (2) The Republican response by Gov. Bobby Jindal (R-LA); and (3) Commentary by CBS News personnel, including results of a CBS News / Knowledge Networks poll of 500 Americans who watched the President's address and then responded to poll questions online. CBS News Correspondents: Katie Couric (anchor, Washington studio); Bob Schieffer; Chip Reid (White House); Nancy Cordes (Capitol Hill); Anthony Mason; Jeff Greenfield (Los Angeles). CBS News Political Analyst: Dan Bartlett.

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**FACE THE NATION**

03/01/09      **Guest:** Rahm Emanuel, White House Chief of Staff

Topics include: whether or not President Barack Obama is going to approve the spending bill, which contains 9,000 earmarks -- something he campaigned against; reaction to Newt Gingrich's characterization of President Obama's budget as an effort to remake America into a more left-wing country with a bigger government / support and breakdown of the budget / President Obama's continued commitment to bipartisanship; Rush Limbaugh as the voice, intellectual force, and energy behind the Republican Party; current state of General Motors / response to GM's request for an additional \$16 billion from the government; President Obama's announcement regarding troop withdrawal in Iraq / plan to leave 50,000 troops in Iraq in support roles; President Obama's April deadline for passing the budget; increased violence along the Mexican border between competing drug cartels

03/08/09      **Guests:** Peter Orszag, Director, White House Office of Management and Budget (1); Representative John Boehner (R-OH), House Minority Leader (2); Kathleen Parker, Syndicated Columnist, The Washington Post Writers Group (3); Michael Fletcher, White House Reporter, The Washington Post

1) Topics include: President Barack Obama's proposal to fund the expansion of health care by reducing the deduction that upper-income taxpayers receive when donating to charities; belief that the current Recovery Act must be given time to work before there is talk of another stimulus package; reaction to Senator Lindsey Graham's (R-SC) portrayal of President Obama's budget as a "reckless exercise" / current Republican budgetary proposals / spending bill currently before Congress, which Republicans have blocked / opposition to Representative John Boehner's proposed spending freeze

2) Topics include: clarification regarding his suggested spending freeze / Republican proposals to stimulate the economy and fix the housing crisis / objections regarding President Obama's budget; criticism of the White House for encouraging the idea that Rush Limbaugh is the leader of the Republican Party; assertion that the reason the stock market is performing so poorly is that Wall Street does not support President Obama's policies; opposition to another infusion of federal money to General Motors

3) Topics include: theory that the White House is designating Rush Limbaugh as the head of the Republican Party in order to bring back the Fairness Doctrine; Democratic opposition to President Obama's proposal to reduce the deduction that upper-income taxpayers receive when donating to charities; recent poll results indicating support and patience for President Obama

03/15/09      **Guests:** Lawrence Summers, Director, National Economic Council (1); Thomas Friedman, Columnist, The New York Times (2)

1) Topics include: reaction to the news that AIG -- the huge insurance company that received \$170 billion in taxpayer bailouts -- has decided to pay \$165 million in bonuses to executives / the difficulty in monitoring government bailout money with regards to the banking industry / preview of President Barack Obama's plan for small businesses / administration's view on how to best handle so-called toxic assets; response to the recent statement made by the president of China, expressing concern for the safety of China's investment in the United States / support for Treasury Bills as the asset of choice; assurance that President Obama has no intention of taxing health care benefits

2) Topics include: the government's inability to control the situation at AIG and belief that this crisis could impact the morale of the people of United States / resolving the growing problem of toxic assets / anger over how the bailout money has been spent / waiting for the geopolitical fallout from the economic crisis / emergence of Pakistan and North Korea as the world's two most dangerous governments



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**FACE THE NATION (continued)**

- 03/22/09      **Guests:** Representative Barney Frank (D-MA) (1); Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) (1); Austan Goolsbee, White House Council of Economic Advisers (2); Jackie Calmes, National Correspondent, The New York Times (3); John Dickerson, Chief Political Correspondent, Slate Magazine (3)  
**Guest Moderator:** Harry Smith, Anchor, The Early Show
- 1) Topics include: the recently passed 90% tax on bonuses paid by American International Group, Inc. (AIG) to their executives / outrage expressed by Americans beyond the Beltway -- unable to understand why AIG, a recipient of federal bailout money, awarded bonuses / opposition to retention bonuses; rating Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner's performance; speculation concerning President Barack Obama's proposed toxic asset clean-up plan
- 2) Topics include: the White House reaction to the tax on AIG / President Obama's understanding of how people beyond the Beltway view these bonuses; basic outline of the toxic asset bailout plan; recent report from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) describing the deficit as significantly larger than the White House's estimate, as well as a more pessimistic outlook on the U.S. economy
- 3) Topics include: lack of confidence in Treasury Secretary Geithner; the CBO's report on the deficit and how this will impact President Obama's budget and health care bill / possibility of a proposal for a majority rule with regards to the health care bill, taking away the Republican's filibuster power; reaction to the many and varied recent public appearances by President Obama and a judgement on their effectiveness
- 03/29/09      **Guest:** President Barack Obama (D), President of the United States
- Topics include: new strategy in Afghanistan, calling for 22,000 more troops and an increase in spending by 60% / the need to refocus attention on al Qaeda and to ensure that neither Afghanistan or Pakistan can serve as a safe haven / troubling situation in Pakistan / the obligation to work with Pakistan and Afghanistan on both a military level and on a diplomatic level, as well as through aid assistance and development / importance of adjusting strategy with regards to circumstances; confidence regarding current plan for troop withdrawal from Iraq; current situation in Mexico / recently introduced initiative to assist the border regions that are being threatened by drug cartels; incomplete efforts made by the U.S. auto industry to formulate a new business plan; clarification regarding the middle class tax cut not being in the proposed budget, but for two years in the stimulus package / desire to continue tax cuts and make them permanent; explanation of his position on the Wall Street bonuses, the bill passed to recoup bonus money through taxation, and his statement about not legislating out of anger; his outlook on the presidency

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60 MINUTES

- 03/01/09      **"The Man Who Knew"** - an interview with Harry Markopolos, a Boston financial analyst and fraud investigator who repeatedly told the Securities and Exchange Commission that Wall Street financier Bernard L. Madoff's investment fund was a fraud. He was ignored, and investors lost billions of dollars. Also interviewed: former Madoff customers Shelly Ludlow and Len Forrest, who lost their investments; and Attorney David Boies. (C: Steve Kroft - P: Andy Court, Keith Sharnan)
- "The War Next Door"** - a report on the drug cartel fueled violence in Mexico, where kidnappings, torture, and brutal beheadings have become common. President Felipe Calderon has declared war on the well-armed gangs, whose military-quality weapons come mostly from U.S. dealers. Interviewed: Janet Napolitano, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security; Claudia Wallace and Maria Isabel, whose brother/son Hugo was kidnapped and killed by a gang; Mexico's Attorney General Eduardo Medina-Mora; Sandra Avila Beltran, one of Mexico's most famous alleged drug traffickers. (C: Anderson Cooper - P: Kyra Darnon, Anya Bourg, Ana Real)
- "Bobby Jindal"** - an interview/profile of Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, who gave the Republican response to President Obama's address to Congress on February 24th. Also interviewed: Jim Amoss, editor of the New Orleans Times Picayune; Supriya Jindal, Bobby's wife; and Newt Gingrich, former Republican Speaker of the House. (C: Morley Safer - P: Deirdre Naphin Curran, Katy Textor)
- Andy Rooney Topic: "Andy Ponders 'The Months'"** - What are your favorite months? Andy has some opinions on the topic
- 03/08/09      **"Your Bank Has Failed"** - an examination of what happens when a bank fails, as 60 MINUTES is granted exclusive access to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's takeover of Heritage Community Bank in Glenwood, Illinois -- a Chicago suburb. Interviewed: Sheila Bair, Chairman of the FDIC; Cheryl Bates, Arthur Cook, Rickey McCullough, FDIC agents; Audrey and Bill Hoss, Heritage Community Bank customers; and Mitchell Feiger, CEO of MB Financial, which bought Heritage. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Henry Schuster)
- "Eyewitness"** - a report on the case of Ronald Cotton, a North Carolina man who was twice falsely convicted of raping Jennifer Thompson on the strength of her eyewitness testimony. Years later he was exonerated due to DNA testing -- and forgave his accuser. Memory experts demonstrate how easy and how common it is for eyewitnesses to make inaccurate identifications. Interviewed: Jennifer Thompson; Ronald Cotton; Detective Mike Gaudin; Rich Rosen, law professor and Cotton's attorney; memory experts Gary Wells, Professor of Psychology at Iowa State University and Elizabeth Loftus, Professor of Psychology and Law at the University of California Irvine. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Shari Finkelstein) (DOUBLE-LENGTH SEGMENT)
- Andy Rooney Topic: "Where Have The Heroes Gone?"** - Andy discusses modern-day heroism or the lack thereof and recalls the abundance of heroes from years past
- 03/15/09      **"The Chairman"** - in a rare interview with a sitting Federal Reserve Chairman, the first in twenty years, Ben Bernanke talks about what went wrong with America's financial system, how it caused the current economic crisis, what the Federal Reserve is doing to help fix it and when he expects the crippling recession to end. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Part I - Henry Schuster, Part II - Henry Schuster and Rebecca Peterson) (DOUBLE-LENGTH SEGMENT)
- "Alice Waters"** - an interview with Alice Waters, who has been cooking and preaching the virtues of fresh food grown in an environmentally friendly way for decades. A world-class restaurant -- Chez Panisse in Berkeley, California -- and eight cookbooks to her credit, Waters has become famous for her "slow food" approach, an antidote to fast food. Also interviewed: San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom; and John Lagier, farmer. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Ruth Streeker)
- Andy Rooney Topic: "Andy Rooney's Daily Pleasure"** - Life for Andy wouldn't be the same without his daily ration of newspapers

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60 MINUTES (continued)

- 03/22/09      **"President Obama"** - an interview with President Barack Obama, in which he discusses the most pressing issues of his first two months in office, including the economy, the bailouts, his budget, America's involvement in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and national security. He also discusses how he and his family are adjusting to life in the White House. (C: Steve Kroft - P: L. Franklin Devine and Michael Radutzky) (DOUBLE-LENGTH SEGMENT)
- "Mr. Ayers and Mr. Lopez"** - a report on the friendship between Los Angeles Times columnist Steve Lopez and mentally ill musician Nathaniel Ayers, a former Juilliard student who suffers from paranoid schizophrenia. Their relationship, the subject of a book by Lopez, is now a Hollywood film ("The Soloist"). Interviewed: Steve Lopez; Nathaniel Ayers; Jennifer Ayers-Moore, Nathaniel's sister; Casey Horan, who runs Lamp, a private agency which provides shelter and services for the homeless who are mentally ill; Adam Crane, publicist for the Los Angeles Philharmonic; and Robert Gupta, violinist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic. (C: Morley Safer - P: David Browning)
- 03/29/09      **"The Internet Is Infected"** - a report on computer viruses, focussing specifically on the feared Conficker Worm. Proliferating on the Internet and infecting PC's, these malicious programs enable hackers and cyber gangs -- often young, male, and from Russia -- to learn the information they need to electronically rob bank accounts. Interviewed: Steve Trilling, Vice President at Symantec, the company that makes Norton anti-virus software; Mary Rappaport, victim of a computer virus that transferred funds out of her bank account; Vint Cerf, one of the founding fathers of the Internet and now a Vice President at Google; Don Jackson, director of threat intelligence at SecureWorks in Atlanta, which protects corporations against cyber-attacks and tracks the hackers who launch them; Louie Pelaez, a network engineer at CBS. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Karen M. Sughrue)
- "Poisoned"** - a report on the African lion, in danger of extinction. Herders, in order to protect their livestock, are poisoning them with Furadan, a cheap American pesticide manufactured by FMC Corporation. Interviewed: Dr. Laurence Frank of the University of California Berkeley; Alayne Cotterill, Dr. Frank's colleague; Claus Mortensen, ranch owner in Kenya; Antony Kasanga, Maasai warrior and member of Lion Guardians; Dr. Richard Leakey, doyen of conservationists in Africa; Tom Hill, American philanthropist; and Richard Bonham, a Kenyan naturalist. (C: Bob Simon - P: Michael H. Gavshon and Drew Magratten)
- "LeBron"** - an interview/profile of Cleveland Cavaliers basketball superstar LeBron James, who at only 24, is already among an elite handful of athletes who command tens of millions a year in playing and marketing fees. Also interviewed: Gloria James, LeBron's mother; Maverick Carter, CEO of LeBron's company. (C: Steve Kroft - P: Harry A. Radcliffe II)
- Andy Rooney Topic: "Andy Answers His Mail"** - Andy gets a lot of mail. Here's a sampling.

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**48 HOURS MYSTERY**

- 03/07/09      **48 HOURS MINI-MYSTERY: "Written In Blood"** - a six-part, edited version of "Written In Blood" (OAD: 09/25/04; OAD - expanded version: 08/06/05 as "Perfectly Executed") - a report on the brutal 1994 murders of the Rafay family in Bellevue, Washington, and the subsequent arrest and conviction of Atif Rafay, the only surviving family member, and his friend Sebastian Burns. Correspondent: Peter Van Sant. The six separate segments are spaced and aired within the two-hour program block of the CBS Entertainment series CRIMETIME SATURDAY: CSI:CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION and WITHOUT A TRACE. Each of the six segments of this serialized version is approximately two-to-three minutes in duration. The cumulative duration is approximately 16 minutes.
- 03/07/09      **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Picture Perfect"** - On June 9, 2008, 30-year-old Travis Alexander, a successful businessman and devout Mormon, was found murdered in his Mesa, Arizona home. He had been shot and then repeatedly stabbed. For a little more than a year, he had been involved with Jodi Arias, an aspiring photographer whom he had met at a business conference. She adopted his Mormon beliefs, which forbid premarital sex -- but they did become sexually involved. Although they supposedly ended their relationship when Jodi found out that Travis was interested in some other girls, Jodi then moved to Mesa. Police investigation of the murder scene recovered a digital camera with electronically dated, sexually explicit photos Travis and Jodi had taken of themselves -- and photos of Travis during the time he was being killed or soon after. When confronted by police, Jodi claimed that two masked intruders had broken in to Travis' home and murderously assaulted him -- but that she was able to escape. She did not call anyone for help, and told no one of the assault. Five days later, Travis was found dead by his roommates. Further police investigation resulted in the arrest of Jodi Arias on charges of first-degree murder. Her trial will take place sometime in 2010. Includes interviews with Jodi Arias; Chris and Sky Hughes, friends of Travis Alexander; Samantha and Steve Alexander, Travis' sister and brother; Travis' friends Taylor Searle, Brint Hiatt, and Aaron Mortenson; Esteban Flores, detective, Mesa Police Department. (C: Maureen Maher - P: Josh Gelman, Paul Ryan)
- 03/14/09      **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Toxic"** - On December 2, 2000, 30-year-old Eric Miller died in a Raleigh, North Carolina hospital. Blood tests had revealed that he had been poisoned with arsenic. Police investigation discovered that Eric's wife, Ann, a chemist, was having an affair with Derril Willard, a biochemist who worked at the same company as she. On the day after police initially questioned him about Eric's death, Derril Willard committed suicide. Prior to doing so, he had a confidential conversation with his lawyer, Rick Gammon. Years passed -- and in the spring of 2004, the North Carolina Supreme Court ruled that Gammon must reveal what Willard had told him about Ann's role in Eric's murder. Gammon then revealed how Ann admitted to Derril Willard that she had injected a substance into Eric's IV bag...and Willard had told Gammon that he himself had never tried to kill Eric. Ann Miller was charged with Eric's murder. Because the District Attorney and the Miller family had misgivings about the outcome of a trial, Ann was offered a plea bargain: twenty-five years in prison for Eric's murder. She accepted. Among those interviewed are: Lieutenant Chris Morgan, Raleigh, N.C. Police Department; Doris and Versus Miller, Eric's parents; Pam Baltzell and Leann Magee, Eric's sisters; Renee Henson, Ann Miller's college roommate; Deborah Regentin, detective, Raleigh, N.C. Police Department; Yvette Willard, widow of Derril Willard; Michael Teague, forensic psychologist; Rick Gammon, attorney for the late Derril Willard. (C: Troy Roberts - P: Patti Aronofsky)

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**48 HOURS MYSTERY (continued)**

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**48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Point Blank"** - Traci and Scott Rhode had been together for twenty years and were the parents of three sons. Traci was a nurse. Scott, a jealous man, suspected his wife of having affairs with the different doctors she worked with, and moved the family five times in thirteen years, finally ending up in Brownsville, Texas. There Traci met Shawn Michaels, the unit secretary at the hospital where she worked. She claimed Michaels was only a friend, but Scott took Traci to a lawyer's office and said that he was getting a divorce and would have custody of the boys. On the day after that -- October 15, 2003 -- Scott died from a gunshot wound to the head in the couple's Brownsville, Texas home. Traci claimed that Scott shot himself and that she found him. After a two year investigation, Traci was arrested for his murder. Throughout it all, Traci maintained that she was innocent. At her trial, the jury found her guilty. Under Texas law, the defense has the option of letting the jurors decide the punishment as well as the verdict. Traci's lawyer opted for a jury sentence, and, after hearing her testimony and that of her two oldest boys, the jury allowed her to be released on ten years probation. Includes interviews with: Traci Rhode; Vicki Lair, Traci's mother; Sam Lucio, detective, Brownsville, Texas Police Department; Nat Perez, Scott Rhode's divorce lawyer; Raina Kant, friend of the Rhodes; J.D. Robertson, Texas Ranger; Jim Odabashian, Traci Rhode's pastor; Chuck Mattingly, prosecutor, Brownsville, Texas; Sergeant Pablo Flores, Brownsville police; Richard Ernest, forensic criminalist; Ernesto Gamez, Traci Rhode's lawyer; Xavier Lopez, juror. (C: Harold Dow - P: Liza Finley) (OAD: 05/17/08; Includes brief updated text graphic at the conclusion.)

03/28/09

**48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Memory of Murder"** - In November 2004, Bethlechem, New York couple Peter and Joan Porco were brutally attacked in their bed with an ax. Peter died at the scene. Joan survived and, although initially unable to speak because of her wounds, she nodded "yes" when a detective on the scene asked her if her son Christopher was their attacker. Afterwards, when she had recovered from the attack, Joan said she doesn't recall that nod and that Christopher is innocent. 48 HOURS follows the police investigation into the case, leading to Christopher Porco's trial and conviction. Includes interviews with: Mike McDermott, chief prosecutor, Albany County; Chris Bowdish, detective; Christopher Porco; David Rossi, prosecutor; Laurie Shanks, lawyer; Terry Kindlon, lawyer; Dr. Mary Dombrov, neurologist. (C: Peter Van Sant - P: Patti Aronofsky, Katherine Davis) (OAD: 11/04/06; 1st rebroadcast: 06/26/07 - Includes an update. 2nd rebroadcast of 03/28/09 includes a new, brief graphic update.)

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